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Annual Alumni Luncheon to Honor Graduating Classes

Were You There?

The first annual New England Interprofessional Forum on Vision and Reading was held this fall in Boston. Through the efforts of N.E.C.O., this special forum highlighted such famed speakers as Dr. Elbert Harris, New York City Board of Higher Education, prominent author, and former President of the International Reading Association; Dr. Donald Durell, Boston University, noted educator, author and lecturer; and Dr. Harold Fridenburg, Chairman of the AOA Committee on Visual Problems of Children and Youth.

This unique program brought together for the first time optometrists, educators, psychologists, child care agency personnel and nurses. But were YOU there?

According to information received from N.E.C.O., the following is the breakdown on the attendance at the meeting:

OPTOMETRISTS	53
Teachers	42
School Superintendents	2
Psychologists	3
School Principals	8
School Nurses	6
Optometrists' wives	11
Total	179

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The following slate of officers will be installed at the March luncheon:

President: Alfred D. Hanson
First Vice-President: Alton W. Lamont, Jr.
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DIRECTORS:

Joseph A. Craven, Jr.	Theodore Weisman
Arnelda Levine	John Callinan
Nathan Aronson	Glen A. Gulezian

A special program will highlight your annual alumni luncheon on Sunday, March 19, at 12:00 noon in the Bay State Room of the Hotel Statler Hilton, Boston.

Traditionally this luncheon has been a kickoff for the Congress for all alumni. Each year, many men bring families and other guests, which has helped to make the affair a very enjoyable gathering.

Special interest this year will center on reports of the college building fund which may take on a new scope during the coming year. Dr. Otto Hochstadt, secretary-treasurer of the college will present a financial statement along with a view into the future. A statement on the alumni building fund along with many new building proposals will be offered. Dean Hyman Kamens of the college will report on the new curriculum of the college, including reports on increase in students.

All Alumni attending will be seated with their graduating class so that old friendships can be renewed more easily. The committee also hopes to eliminate any waiting at the registration desk.

Included in the activities will be installation of new officers, reports on Alumni contribution, and a message by Dr. Al Hanson, President.

Last year attendance exceeded all expectations. This year, with a special program, your committee hopes more alumni will be anxious to attend. We hope YOU will be there.

College To Sponsor One-day Seminar; Graduate Courses to Precede Congress

The Massachusetts College of Optometry and the New England Council of Optometrists are jointly sponsoring a one-day seminar to be held on Saturday, March 18, 1967 at 2:00 P.M. at the College.

The program will cover the following three general areas of Optometry: 1. Vision Training and Orthoptics (Lecturer, Dr. Philip Friedman), 2. Biomicroscopy (Lecturer, Dr. Donald R. Korb), 3. Tonometry (Lecturer, Dr. John Asarkoff). These lecturers are all members of the faculty of the Mass. College of Optometry.

Since all three courses will be run at the very same time, it will only be possible for one to attend but one lecture of his choice. There will be a limited number of registrants accepted per class. The fee for each course is \$10.00, and attendance will be by advance registration only.

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Instructors Appointed to Clinic Staff; Recent Graduates Assigned by Air Force

The Mass. College of Optometry is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert Titelbaum and Dr. Charles Idelson to the Faculty as instructors in Clinical Optometry. Both Dr. Titelbaum and Dr. Idelson graduated from the College in June 1966.

First Lieutenant Martin O. Mark and First Lieutenant Wayne B. Goldberg, who graduated in 1966, completed the orientation course for officers of the U.S. Air Force Medical Service at Sheppard AFB, Tex. Dr. Mark studied the administration of Air Force medical service programs. He is being assigned to Kelly AFB, Tex., as an optometrist, with the Air Force Logistic Command. Dr. Goldberg was given instruction in specialized Aero Space medical subjects and is being assigned to Grand Forks AFB, N.D., to practice as an optometrist with the Strategic Air Command.

Mr. Clifford Young, president of the Young Contact Lens Laboratories, Inc., has announced that the scholarship made available by the Young Contact Lens Laboratories will be continued at the Massachusetts College of Optometry.

An Optometric romance has taken place at the college. Miss Mary K. Rozanski and Mr. Clifford Scott have announced their engagement. Both honor students in the class of 1968, the couple plan to be married September 2.

Dr. Phillip R. Sidran, (1st Lieutenant, U.S.A.F.) and Dr. Ronald R. Loring, both members of the class of 1965, recently visited the college. Dr. Loring, practicing in Miami, Florida, is the proud father of a baby boy. Dr. Sidran is the only based Optometrist at the Yakota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan.

NECO Forum

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As you can see from the above statistics, the remedial reading teachers equalled the optometrists. And if you count all teachers, the total attendance of teachers doubles the optometry attendance.

This is a sad case for optometry. As a profession, we pride ourselves in our visual knowledge, especially in perceptual factors effecting reading and school achievement. But a dialogue cannot take place with only one profession. Education has done its part by being present and seeking to learn. Were you there to do optometry's part?

Ignorance is no excuse; a complete N.E.C.O. mailing was sent many months prior to the meeting date. The line, "I'm too busy," is no excuse; the professional man is never too busy to become enlightened in his own profession. Apathy is no excuse; for if you are apathetic, there is no place for you in optometry.

The meeting was excellent, the dialogue superb, and the fellowship was tremendous. The give and take between optometrists and educators was refreshing and the insights into problems was astute.

This is the first meeting. Others will follow.
Will YOU be there?

Class Agent 007??

We could use one of his caliber in order to locate some lost Alumni.

Like little Bo-Peep we've lost some sheep
And we'd like some help to find them
So we'll give you their names
And your immediate aims
Should be to fill in addresses behind them

Dr. Daniel E. Wial '52	Dr. Edward Trecartin '61
Dr. Lawrence J. Ryan '52	Dr. John J. Rutkowski '52
Dr. Aaron Abrams '52	Dr. Donald LaChance '54
Dr. Bernard Rosen '61	Dr. Colman Pike '36
Dr. Bruce Trevens '58	Dr. Norman Kahn '49
Dr. Walter McCabe '34	Dr. Frederick Mills '34
Dr. James Newman '47	Dr. Robert Seidel '49
Dr. William Gilman '49	Dr. Edward Morally '36
Dr. Leslie Stuart '38	Dr. Norman Maxwell '55

Please forward replies to the writer of this article:

Dr. John E. Callinan
24 Union Ave.
Framingham, Mass.

The advent of spring leaves my brother optometrists with little or no excuse for not attending the many educational meetings available in your areas. Make it a point this year to improve some one aspect of your practice. Granted, not all of the recent writings in Optometric publications have merit, but at least find out what they are in order to make an intelligent judgement. You owe it to your patients and yourself. Enough editorializing, which is not the purpose of this column.

The Alumni Luncheon at this year's New England Congress on March 19th will honor the class of 1942. In addition the classes of '62, '57, '52, '47, '37, '32, '27 and '22 will also receive special recognition. The class agents of the above mentioned classes have been contacted and updated class lists have been forwarded to them. Please be watching for correspondence from:

1962	1947
Dr. Michael Gorman	Dr. Morton Shaw
	Dr. Hyman Kamens
1957	
Dr. Howard Coleman	1937
Dr. Martin Baer	Dr. Louis Plekavich
	Dr. John DiNapoli
1952	
Dr. Walter Taranton	1932
Dr. Eugene Bogage, Jr.	Dr. Richard Baker
Dr. Richard Emery	
	1927
	Dr. Harold Bradley

Interest in the Alumni Questionnaire of a year or so ago was not overwhelming. However an over-active Alumni Association seems to be producing some enthusiasm in Alumni happenings throughout the general membership. We may try circulating the questionnaire again at a later date. From those returned a great deal of information was obtained.

I hope to see all class agents at the New England Congress. However I would like to meet informally with the agents of the classes being honored prior to the Alumni Luncheon at noon on Sunday, March 19th at the Statler Hotel. See you there.

JEC

Optometrists To Meet With Undergraduates in Special Seminar Course

Dr. Barry Meyer of Bayside, New York, a 1966 graduate, who obtained his B.S. degree and O.D. (Doctor of Optometry) degree at the Massachusetts College of Optometry, has joined the staff of the PHS Division of Indian Health and has been assigned to the PHS Indian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Meyer will be responsible for eyesight testing as part of a trachoma control program.

Changes have been made in the proposed curriculum which include the addition of such courses as: Statistics, Bio-Microscopy, Public Health Optometry, Visual Rehabilitation, Ocular Pharmacology, Development Vision, Behavioural Psychology, Spatial Orientation and Optometry Seminars.

In the course called "Optometry Seminars" it is intended that optometrists in private practice will be able to meet with the students and discuss the cases that the students present. We are looking for cooperation from many optometrists who think that they would like to participate in such a program.

Dean Hyman Kamens

New Approach to Theoretic Optometry Outlined at Fall Alumni Meeting

The fall alumni meeting was highlighted with a discussion by Dr. Robert McNulty, M.C.O., faculty member and Associate in Ophthalmology at the Lahey Clinic in Boston.

A most enthusiastic and active Alumni Association member, Dr. McNulty demonstrated how changes in the presentation of his teaching subject, Theoretic Optometry, should be of interest to all alumni in the active practice of Optometry.

After distributing copies of a required reading list to the audience, Dr. McNulty emphasized the following present requirements in the course of Theoretic Optometry:

1. Clinic notebooks — mandatory for all students to complete
2. Clinic experiment sheets which must be completed
3. Required reading of reprints obtained from various sources
4. New charts on norms for very young and very old
5. Changes in methods and instruments in phoria testing
6. Current methods of subjective testing
7. Latest in spot and streak retinoscopy — emphasis on streak
8. Advanced use of Keratometry — as applicable to contact fitting
9. Bifocals in myopia
10. Near point testing — starting at earlier ages
11. Hereditary aspects in myopia, astigmatism, muscle deviation

American Optical Co. to Host Spring Alumni Meeting at Southbridge

A tour of the American Optical plant in Southbridge, including a cocktail party and dinner at the famous Public House, will highlight the spring meeting of the Alumni Association on Wednesday, April 19.

A special chartered bus will leave the Boston area at 1:00 P.M. to take all of the eastern area alumni to the central Massachusetts plant.

The tour will take the alumni through A.O.'s frame and glass centers, along with special tours of research areas where laser beam and fibre optics will be demonstrated and discussed.

Since this meeting is taking place in the central Massachusetts area, your officers and directors hope that many of you will be present. The meeting will begin at A.O. at 2:00 P.M.

This is the first alumni meeting held on this basis and reports indicate that the tour will be very beneficial to all men.

A special mailing with full details, including cost (which will be very minimal), will be sent to all members in late March. The entire trip will be by reservation only since bus commitments and dinner reservation must be definite. Committee chairmen, Nat Aronson and Ted Weisman, are planning the tour in conjunction with A.O. plant officials. All reports indicate a unique meeting.

Mark your calendar now! Use this holiday to further your knowledge of our allied fields. The day promises knowledge, fellowship, and fun.

Alumni Association To Incorporate As Preliminary to Building Fund Drive

The Committee appointed by Dr. Alfred Hanson, President of the Alumni Association, to investigate and study the feasibility of a special Alumni Building Fund Drive, has currently encountered several interesting and knotty problems.

A prime requisite for any non-profit group such as the Alumni Association, is to be incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts. The question of incorporation had been brought up several years ago during Executive Board meetings but nothing definite was concluded. Now, with the planned activities ahead, incorporation is vitally necessary. Accordingly, legal counsel has been engaged.

This legal step has produced the next problem; the alteration and re-writing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumni Association to conform to the basic legal requirements of a Non-Profit Corporation. As soon as the necessary changes have been made, and voted upon, as required, at a general alumni meeting, this preliminary step will have been accomplished.

Further developments of the work of the Building Fund Committee, headed by Dr. Morris L. Berman, have led to projected information-seeking and ground-laying meetings with the Board of Trustees of the College.

PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

by Alfred D. Hanson

It is the sincere hope of the officers, directors, and advisors of the Alumni Association that each of you will have a healthy, happy, and prosperous 1967.

Only a short time has passed since our last Bulletin. The board has met once, and probably will meet again between press time and the delivery of this Bulletin. Our last meeting was devoted almost entirely to the how, where, what, and when, of our Building Fund Drive. This is a tremendous job,—We must not rush in,—It has to be done right, or not at all. Professional fund raisers have been interviewed; many questions have been asked by them, and by us, the alumni. The answers are slowly forthcoming, and we hope to be able to start our own drive this year.

We had two fine speakers at the Fall Alumni Meeting, December 6th at the college. Dean Kamens gave a most interesting talk on the new curriculum at the college. I hope he will repeat some of it for you at the March 19th Luncheon. You will be proud to hear of the advancement in your college.

The second speaker, Dr. Robert McNulty, instructor in Theoretical Optometry, presented a most enlightening talk. Some of the alumni asked him afterwards how they could be taught some of these improved methods and techniques. Our speakers were excellent, and I wish more of the alumni would take the time and opportunity to hear and see the fine quality and caliber of our faculty.

I do hope you and your wife will attend the Annual Alumni Luncheon on March 19th at 12:00 noon in the Bay State Room of the Hotel Statler. Please come to the New England Congress early. Start with the College Luncheon, where you can hear first hand what is happening now, and what are the future plans of the college, your alma mater.

Keeping in step with our higher goals, the winter meeting was held February 8th, at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. We were welcomed by the head of the base, shown the eye clinic, and given an illustrated lecture by the ophthalmologist.

Treasurer's Report

I am most pleased to announce that during this past year the active membership in the alumni association has increased by over 100 members, giving us a new all time high. We are still in need of more active members to permit us to do the things in the future that are planned.

Our dues classifications are still \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00. During this past year, many of our members moved up a level in their membership status. Why not make this the year you move up a notch and become a Sponsoring or Contributing Member?

Bob Shulman, Treasurer

College Seminar

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All three lectures will be from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 18, at the College. Those Optometrists who are interested in attending one of these three lectures should write to the College, care of the Registrar at 178 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, and signify which lecture they would like to attend. A check or money order for \$10.00 made out to the Mass. College of Optometry must accompany this advance registration request.

Our spring meeting on April 19th is all set at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, where we will have an opportunity to see many of their famous research projects. Then next fall we will have a chance to compare these projects with those of the Polaroid Company on Route 128.

I have tried to make it a practice to give praise and thanks where and when it is due. The editor of this Bulletin, Glen Gulezian, is justly deserving of all the praise and gratitude of the Alumni Association. This is costly, as well as the most difficult and time consuming job. Glen has continued to improve the type material and quality of the Bulletin with every issue.

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